Mr. A. Gopala Menon: I believe it is in favour of educationally backward communities.

President: How many exemptions were granted during the past five years?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: About six.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether an application from a Muslim student was rejected?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Sir, applications from Muslims, Ezhavas and some others have been rejected.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether applications for exemption from Brahmin candidates were allowed?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: None.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether the son of Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao, the ex-Land Revenue Commissioner was granted exemption?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Sir, he is not a Brahmin student.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Was he granted exemption?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

President: Will the honourable member explain the reason for granting exemption in that case?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Exemption was granted in that case because there was a medical certificate as to the immature mental development of the boy.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether in the case of the Muslim student referred to by me any medical certificate was called for?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Any medical certificate is not sufficient.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether he was asked to produce a medical certificate from proper authority?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is his duty to support his application by the necessary evidence.

President: It is going to be the policy of Government not to give any exemptions in the future to any body under any circumstances.

Agricultural pursuits of Travancoreans outside Travancore.

63. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether several people of Travancore are going out on agricultural pursuits outside Travancore?

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Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : Government have no information.

Statement, by caste, of the officers of the Agricultural Department

64. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers of the Agricultural Department ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Sandal wood trees in any land assigned by Government.

65. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rule that if sandal wood trees sprout up in any land assigned by Government, the owners concerned should take care of them, and

(b) whether they are aware that owing to the sprouting up of a large number of such plants over the assigned areas in the several parts of the Marayur and Kanthalloor pakuthies of the Devicolam taluk, lands have to be left uncultivated ?

Rao Bahabur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar: (a) No; but in lands situated to the east of the main central and main southern roads, the owners concerned may not fell, injure or other wise damage a sandal tree found inside their lands (*Vide* Section 31 of Forest Act II of 1068).

(b) Government have no information.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: സാൻഡൽവുഡിന്റെ തൈകൾ ധാരാളം മുളച്ചുവരികയും, അതു നശിപ്പിക്കാൻ പാടില്ല എന്ന ചട്ടം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കയും ചെയ്താൽ പുതുതായി പതിച്ചു വാങ്ങിച്ച സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കൃഷി എങ്ങനെ നടക്കും?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar: എല്ലാകൊല്ലവും കൃഷി ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതു മുളച്ചുവരികയില്ലെന്നാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു കൊല്ലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യാതെ ഇട്ടിരുന്നാൽ അടുത്ത കൊല്ലം ഈ തൈകൾ മുളച്ചു വരികയാണെങ്കിൽ എന്തുചെയ്യും ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar: ആ തൈകൾ നശിപ്പിക്കാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കണം.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe : അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ കൃഷിചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കാതെവരും.

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*Vide Appendix page 440.

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